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From our Regular Correspondent.

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When Congress convenes in December the two magnificent office buildings designed for the use of the members will have been completed. The offices of the Representatives were in fact used last Spring but the Senate offices begun a year later were not ready for occupancy, and the Senators will have their first experience in them this winter. The latter office building lies to the North of the Capitol and is connected with it by an underground passage. It is a beautiful white marble building which will cost the Government four millions of dollars. It will have every modern convenience of an office building. The interior is finished in marble and mahogany and while the offices will be elegantly furnished, the general effect will be severe, rather than luxurious. For many years there has been much complaint about the crowded quarters allowed the Senators in the Capitol. Senator Guggenheim of Colorado who is rich enough to buy the Capitol if it were on the market had two little dark rooms in the basement last winter. They were the ones vacated by Senator Clark of Montana who was the richest man who ever sat in the Senate. Of course older and abler Senators fared better and among these there are not a few who are grumbling about leaving the old and convenient quarters in the Capitol. They protest that they will be farther from their work and more inaccessible to their constituents. Others who have been housed in an old brick building originally erected for a hotel, across the street from the Capitol are delighted at the prospect of a change. The Senate as a whole, often spoken of as the "millionaires club" is not such a pampered, luxury loving body as it is often represented to be. The majority of the men are there for work and about all they demand in an office is light and air and a desk. It would not do to furnish them common oak furniture but if a vote were taken it would probably develop an agreement of opinion that it is as hard to write a speech on a mahogany desk as on a pine table. As for that the offices are plain in spite of their richness and it is only in the rotunda and some of the audience rooms that there is any conspicuous decoration. The House of Representatives offices on the opposite of the square in front of the Capitol are also grouped in a splendid white marble building and as that body is so much larger than the Senate the building is erected on all four sides of a court instead of on three sides only as is the case with the Senate offices. Some of the readers of this letter perhaps had occasion ten or twelve years ago to look up the member from his district. If so he will remember the small corner set aside in the reception hall for this purpose. It was marked off from the rest of the chamber simply by the backs of the sofas which furnished it. There were two or three tables in it. When a Member of the House received a card he came to this corner and the visitor stood in the presence of all the other visitors and related why he had come. The contrast between this and the new quarters, though it has been modified by some years occupancy, of reception rooms in the Capitol building, is nevertheless very conspicuous both to Members of Congress and to their visitors.

During the last week of September and the first week in October our conventions of national and international importance will be held in Washington. As an im-

portant convention here is the occasion for not only convention work but for much sight seeing and extensive entertaining it will be realized what a busy fortnight the Capitol will have. Already and for many weeks past preparations have been in progress for the International Congress on Tuberculosis whose sessions begin September 28 and last until October 5. Distinguished physicians from many parts of Europe will attend as well as prominent men of science from every section of this country. The Congress will be opened by Secretary Cortelyou who will address the delegates on behalf of the President. The meetings are to be held in the National Museum and a large reception for the delegates will be given by the President who has hastened his return to the city on account of the meeting of this convention. If the weather permits the entertainment will be in the form of a garden party and the delegates and invited guests will be received on the extensive lawns back of the White House, where the Marine band in scarlet uniforms and the ladies in afternoon gowns will make a gorgeous contrast to the velvety well kept lawns and the fine old trees. There will be many luncheons, receptions and dinners, semi-public, and much private entertaining.

The International Fisheries Congress which convened September 22nd was another important convention that was attended by eminent men. There was a Diplomatic reception for the delegates at the Department of State and a large reception in their honor by Secretary Strauss, of the Department of Commerce and Labor. This Congress was also received by the President. Other conventions in session about the same time will be those of the Eastern Public association and the National association of Railway Commissions the delegates to which will find their time fully occupied by sightseeing and entertainment when they are not engaged in convention work.

To Make Chutney Sauce.

The materials for this sauce are seven large apples, seven tomatoes, three onions, six ounces of seedless raisins, one dessertspoonful of salt, the same quantity of ground ginger, one eighth of a teaspoonful of red pepper, one dessertspoonful of anchovy essence, one tablespoonful of salad oil and one half pint of vinegar. Peel and chop the apples and onions. Pick off all the little stems from the raisins and cut each one across. Place all the ingredients except the vinegar into a mortar, and pound them well together. The vinegar is to be boiled and cooled and then added by slow degrees to the pounded mass. Stir well, and when all are thoroughly blended, put the chutney into small, wide-mouthed bottles, and cork down close. This is an appetizing Indian relish for cold meat.

—August Farm and Fireside.

Potatoes Grow on Bushes.

Farmers in the vicinity of Waterbury, Conn., are much interested in the growth by Samuel Wilson of Wolcott of a hybrid potato on bushes like gooseberries. Wilson has kept his methods secret, but the product is a cross of the yellow tomato on the sweet potato.

Food experts have already reported the product to be far more nutritious than the Irish or sweet potato and more easily grown. They boil in five minutes, bake in eight and will keep in any form in hot weather.

Stiles Wheeler was experimenting with the vine grown hybrids this summer when Wilson, seeing his progress, took up the work with great success. The Waterbury grange was invited in a body to see Wheeler's beds of new-fangled bush grown potatoes.

To Freshen Bread.

When a large quantity of home-made bread has been baked at one time, some of it, if kept long, is sure to become hard and unappetizing. This can be made as good as new by a very simple method. Dip the loaf in cold water, put it in a pan in the oven, and bake until it is heated through. After it has been taken out, wrap it in a damp cloth, and when cold it will be quite as good as when first baked.

If hot bread is desired for breakfast, the above method may be used for reheating. Bread, muffins and rolls reheated in this way are just as appetizing and are said to be more healthful than freshly baked hot breads. Certainly less time and trouble are necessary to serve hot bread by this method than to mix and bake it fresh.

—August Farm and Fireside.

CASTORIA.

The Kind You Have Always Bought.

Signature of J. C. Watson

Here and There.

Tamaqua has a new daily paper. It is called *The Tamaqua Register*, and is published by W. S. Guterman, a former editor of *The Shamokin Daily Dispatch*.

Another old toll turnpike is to go. It runs from Shickshinny to Huntingdon township, Luzerne county, and has been appraised at \$25,000 by the viewers appointed by the Luzerne Court to condemn it.

The oldest twins in the State are believed to be residing in Bradford county. They are Mrs. Eliza E. Irvine, Liberty Corners, and L. G. Holland, of Mosroeton, who are in their 87th year.

The homes of 500 persons are endangered by fire burning in a Carbondale coal mine, which was started in 1901 by the burning of refuse on the surface of the workings. A vast amount of money will be required to put out this fire, which is likely to cause the entire destruction of the street in Carbondale under which it is raging.

When James Wolfe, of Plymouth went to work the other morning in his mine chamber in the Delaware and Hudson colliery he was surprised to find a cow already in possession. The cow was as much surprised as Wolfe. The field in which she had been pasturing had caved into the mine. The cow was brought to the surface none the worse for her strange adventure.

The publication of the *Hughesville Independent* is to be resumed shortly by Messrs. Bixler and Blake. The latter has been for some time conducting the job department of the former *Independent* office. The newspaper end of the business is to be in the hands of and under the direction of John R. Bixler, now editor of the *Williamsport Evening News*, formerly editor of the *Williamsport Sun*, and one of the best known newspaper men in Central Pennsylvania.

Half a dozen men passed by a fat looking wallet lying on the sidewalk, in Monongahela, each chuckling as he thought he was too smart to be fooled. Then Ernest Milward, a business man, came along, picked it up and found it contained \$237 in bank notes. He left it with a trust company and two hours later the owner came and identified it and left \$37 as a reward for Milward.

Initiative steps toward the proper celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, on July 1, 2 and 3, 1913, were taken by a meeting of citizens in the Court House at Gettysburg. It was decided that the movement shall be headed by the State of Pennsylvania and be of national importance and scope.

One of the features will be to have all the veterans who participated in this fight transported and furnished subsistence by the State to which they belong.

The Woman's Home Companion for October.

An important article in the October *Woman's Home Companion* is entitled "Seeking Shelter in New York." "Five dollars in my purse, a few plain clothes in my bag, an ordinary school education behind me, and New York, with its boundless opportunities, ahead of me," that is the beginning of the adventures in New York of Lucy Green. They are real adventures of a real girl, who tells her story to readers of the *Companion*.

This October issue is particularly rich in fiction, having stories by Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, Harrison Rhodes, Octave Thanet, Nellie McClung, Margaret Sutton Briscoe, and especially good stories by Irving Bacheller and Juliet Wilbor Tompkins.

There is perhaps no more important question to the average American than the one of owning or renting a home. The results of the most careful investigation and the experiences of thousands of Americans are given in a series of articles on this subject, which begins in the October number.

Of special interest are Keillogg Durland's intimate picture of the life of the Tsaritsa of Russia, and Dr. Woods Hutchinson's article, "Are Babies Moral?"

The fashion department with the Latest Fall Fashions is full of valuable suggestions.

Railroad Stops Rice Throwing.

Officers of the police department of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad have received orders to stop the throwing of rice by bridal parties at the stations and in the trains in the future, and are now puzzled how they are going to do it without offending patrons of the line. They cannot think of making arrests of the exuberant wedding guests who throw the rice and are planning a campaign of education.

Spending \$31,000 at Nescopeck.

That Nescopeck is becoming even more of a railroad center realized when the Pennsylvania Railroad is expending \$31,000 on the new signal tower and block system which is being installed and will be ready for operation by October 1. From the signal tower, situated about 200 yards above the station all the switches in the yard will be operated.

The second floor is enclosed in glass and commands a view of the yards from east to west. It is here that the 44 levers, which operate the 22 switches in the yards are placed. Each lever is numbered, there being two for each switch, one to lock it, while the other releases it.

Eight telegraph instruments are installed on this floor which will be operated by two men who will receive the movement of the different trains from the train dispatcher at Sunbury and who will in turn instruct the man who operates the levers, the track upon which the train shall approach.

In order that the man operating the levers may be in close touch with the approaching trains without looking from the tower thus keeping him from his duty at the levers six indicators are placed directly in front of him which give him the exact position of the semaphore signal towers are to warn any approaching trains as to the condition of the yard at that time and are placed, one at the extreme end of the yard on the division to Wilkes-Barre, one around the curve at the division to Sunbury and one around the curve on the division to Hazleton, while the other three are in the center of the yard.

Thus an engineer can take heed from the position of the arms of the tower whether to stop, approach cautiously or to come in without any danger.

The main track from east to west is charged by means of storage batteries and is divided into several blocks.

The system is one that will add much to the safety of the road at this point, doing away with the many wrecks which occur in a yard.

Upwards of 30 men are at work on the system and by working Sundays and with the addition of a night force it is hoped to complete the work for operation October 1st.

\$1.50 to Mauch Chunk and Return Sunday, September 27th, via "The Reading." Special train leaves Bloomsburg at 7:38 a. m. Returning leaves Mauch Chunk at 5:30 p. m. 9-10-31.

Wise and Otherwise.

"See here," said the tailor, as he headed the young man off, "do you cross the street every time you see me to keep from paying that bill you owe me?" "I should say not," said the y. m. "Then why do you do it?" asked the knight of the tape. "To keep you from asking for it," answered the other.—*Chicago News*.

"Pa, what's the difference between the drama and melodrama?" "The seats in my purse. You will never find any empty ones at the melodrama."—*Chicago Record-Herald*.

People sometimes complain that the sense of humor is dying out in Ireland. We are therefore specially glad to record a proof to the contrary. An Irish tenant, who had just bought under the purchase act, boasted to the agent that his landlord was now "God Almighty," and that he need fear nothing. "Don't you be too sure, Pat," was the reply: "remember God Almighty evicted his first two tenants."—*London Spectator*.

The victim—"Help! Help! I'm drowning." Would-be Hero—"Courage, my brave man! Just wait until I get a rope, a measuring rod, a Carnegie application blank, two witnesses and a notary public."—*Bohemian Magazine*.

Louis—"Uncle, what's chagrin?" Uncle—"Well, it's what a stout man feels when he runs and jumps on a car that doesn't start for half an hour."—*Chicago News*.

Fred—"Some girls are awfully conceited." Jack—"Why?" Fred—"They'll brag about making a fool of a man that was never anything else."—*Boston Record*.

"Jack's so mean; he won't play bridge with Ethel any more!" "Why not?" "He asked her what her long suit was the other day and she said her black velvet."—*New York Telegram*.

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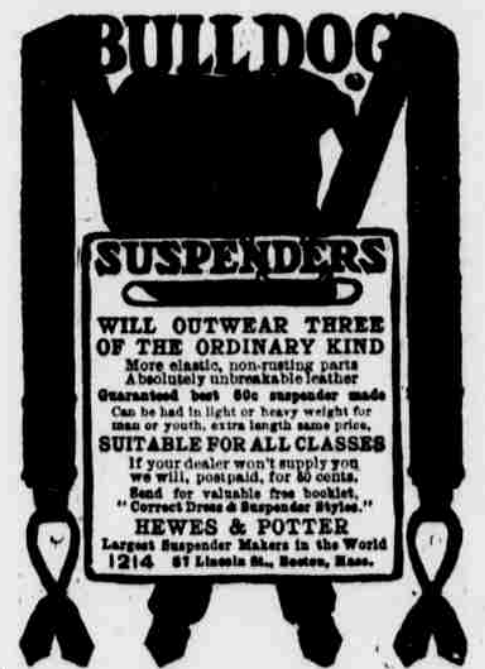
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